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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, November 8.—Ehrhardt was very quiet last week. Several of our citizens attended the Fair in Columbia; others were out of town attending to business.

Conrad Ehrhardt Co. have a dwelling house under headway and will not be long more in completing same ready for their book-keeper to move in.

Conrad Ehrhardt Co. have cut their gin plant to gin days: Tuesdays and Fridays. The cotton crop is about gone; none holding for higher prices.

Cane grinding is the go now. Our farmers are making their supply of syrup now, and having a fine time in connection with this work. Occasionally a candy pulling gives the young folks a chance to mix taffy along with the work of pulling the candy. Next will be hog killing time. This does not afford so much pleasure along with the work, but sausage, pudding, and the like makes something good to eat.

From all appearances there will be a marriage in this section before long. There seems to be some preparation to that end.

The young men can't be bachelors when we have so many fine looking young ladies around.

Mrs. Rubie Chassereau, of Florida, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. F. Chassereau.

Miss O. Grimes, of Lees, is spending some time with Miss C. Cave, who is teaching in the graded school here. JEE.

Country Chat.

November, a beautiful, lovely November. Who could not be grateful and happy these sweet balmy days?

Mr. Atmar Hanberry left a few days ago for Columbia, where he has accepted a position with the telephone company.

Mrs. Wyatt Lancaster's many friends sympathize with her in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Mary Kennedy. She was laid to rest in beautiful Magnolia cemetery, Craileston, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Zorn took in the fair at Columbia last week.

Mrs. Wyatt Lancaster, and attractive niece, Miss Stella Lancaster, spent last Thursday and Friday with their aunt, Mrs. Hunter, at Bamberg.

Mr. Urban W. Martin, of Whitmore, is in Denmark spending a few days with friends. Expects to leave shortly for Houston, Texas, where he has accepted a position as stenographer with the Standard Rice Milling Company.

The many friends of Mr. Everette Hanberry will be glad to know he is in good health and getting along splendidly. He is stationed at Fort Screven, Ga.

Thanksgiving will soon be here. Look around you and think of those who are much worse off than you. Send a postal card, remember the worthy poor with a kind word or something to eat whenever you can. They will be grateful. "Bread upon the waters cast will return to you at last."

School Rally at Hilda.

Dear Editor: Please publish in your paper that there will be an educational rally at Hilda, S. C., on Friday after Thanksgiving day November the 26th, 1909. There will be some prominent speakers present who will make addresses on this occasion. Among the speakers will be Hon. J. O. Patterson, Congressman; Mr. J. E. Swearingen, State Superintendent of Education; Prof. Horace J. Crouch, Superintendent of Education for Barnwell county, and Mrs. Dora D. Walker, of Appleton. Mrs. Walker is vice president of the Rural School Improvement Association of South Carolina. We hope to secure Prof. R. Boyd Cole, Superintendent Barnwell high-graded school, and Dr. W. M. Jones, of Williston, and probably others. The speaking will begin promptly at 10 o'clock.

The public are cordially invited to come. We hope to make the meeting especially interesting, as well as an enjoyable time for all.

Come one, come all, and bring well filled baskets. J. E. CHANDLER.

Prefers Death to Shame.

Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 9.—The dead body of Maggie Poe, about 23 years old, was found this afternoon at Lake Willifeng, near the Guilford battleground, about six miles from the city. There was considerable mystery surrounding the case for some time, but which was later cleared up by the body being identified by friends of her father, who is a well-to-do farmer near Siler City. The girl left two letters, one to her mother, the other to a young man with whom she had been intimate, the latter exonerating its recipient from all blame for her act. The suicide was declared in her letter to be because of fear of publicity and shame which must result within a short time.

COURT IN BAMBERG.

Number of Interesting Cases Disposed of.

Bamberg, Nov. 9.—With Judge Gage and Solicitor Byrnes at their places the court of general sessions convened here yesterday morning and the dispatch of business has been rapid.

Frank Bennett, the negro who was caught with some of the stolen goods soon after the store of H. J. Brabham, Jr., was robbed, was tried and found guilty and given two years in the penitentiary.

The four negroes who engaged in a rioting escapade on the passenger train just above Denmark several weeks ago were given nine months each on the chain gang.

One of the cases of most interest was that of Ulysses Mays, the now notorious criminal who was arrested here in 1907 for the murder of Shelly Paul and later escaped from the county jail. He was chased in and around Aiken, Williston and Barnwell and several times fired at his pursuers. He was given a sentence of life imprisonment in the State penitentiary.

Two murder cases will be tried tomorrow, both being against negroes. Thursday the case against "Fog Leg" Hughes, charged with the murder of W. B. Causey, of Hampton, will be tried. There is a great deal of interest in this case and there are quite a number of people who will be present from other counties to hear the case. The State is said to have a strong case against this man who bears an unenviable reputation.

The work of Judge Gage and the solicitor is meeting with the approval of the citizens of the county and doubtless the term will witness much hard work for the cause of justice.

The judge and grand jury have made some criticism of the manner in which the court house is kept.

Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, November 9.—Prof. Riser, with his competent corps of teachers, gave a lovely Halloween entertainment last Monday evening. The decorations were weird and grotesque, suggestive of ghosts and hobgoblins. The program was varied and interesting. The ghosts' drill and "Physical Culture in Ghostland" were fine. Little Marion Bassett recited well "The Night Wind." Messrs. Riser and Tally read appropriate pieces, eliciting much applause. The marriage parade was good, and little Ruth Wilson made a lovely bride. "Keeping house in Witchland" was much applauded. The movements of the little ones at first being very slow, then when the music got quicker in time they dashed around with brooms and cooking utensils like a flash. Miss Anyne Moyer contributed the music for the entire affair. The side attractions were numerous and amusing. The "Gold Dust Twins" in motion was worth twice the price. Fortunes were told and delicious refreshments were served. Quite a nice sum was realized for school furnishings. Our school is in splendid running order now, peace and harmony abounding.

Rev. R. W. Sanders, D. D., of Greenville, visited relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Sanders, of Ulmer, also spent several days here.

Miss Johnson is visiting Miss Anyne Moyer.

Quite a number of Fairfaxans visited the State fair, and several went to the Georgia-Carolina, in Augusta.

Miss Ruth Haigler is visiting her sister in Varnville.

Prof. Riser has gone to his old home at Leesville to take a peep at home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith, of Walterboro, visited the Barber house recently.

Mrs. John Compton, of Charlotte, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Marion Compton.

Mrs. Lula Davis and daughter, from Williston, visited Mrs. G. W. Beard recently.

Our neighbor, Mrs. Jones Lane, who is at all times a fine housekeeper, has everything particularly "spic and span" for the return home of her beloved sister, Miss Joella Padgett. We will all welcome Jo's return with our stretched arms, for she is one of the sweetest and fairest of our town girls. She has been visiting relatives in Florida, and returns to this, her adopted home, in a few days.

Wonder if any of the neighbors agree with me that there is malice in material things, especially in cooking stoves, kerosene lamps, and sewing machines. Such seems the case sometimes.

Rev. D. B. Groseclose preached a fine sermon Sunday morning about the noted reformer, Martin Luther.

Wonder why the hens have all conspired against our having plenty of eggs for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The folks who went to the fair could not tell us what's the matter in that respect.

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Mr. E. D. Dannelly and Miss Ned Ehrhardt, the wedding to take place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ehrhardt, in the town of Ehrhardt next Wednesday evening, November 17th.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

Burglars broke into one of the dispensaries in Columbia Tuesday night of last week and carried away a wagon load of liquor, the value being about \$150. The police have no clue so far to the robbers.

The notorious Wade Hampton Sellers, "king of the blind tigers," who has been accustomed to deal by the barrel, was arrested in Columbia on Friday on the puny little charge of selling a visitor to the fair a pint of whiskey.

The Spartanburg Journal says that Thos. Padgett, a well known young man of that city, shot and seriously wounded Brezina Suber, colored, at her home on Friday night, the cause being "jealousy." He shot several times; only one shot taking effect. He says he will pay all doctor bills, "and no warrant has been sworn out."

Prefers Death to Marriage.

Heidelberg, Miss., Nov. 5.—Miss Maggie Windham, daughter of a prominent planter residing near this place died late to-day as the result of pistol wounds which she inflicted upon herself with suicidal intent yesterday. Miss Windham left a note to her mother begging forgiveness. She was to have been married within a few weeks. No cause for the act is known.

Tampa Police Turn Tables.

At Tampa, Fla., a few days ago H. W. Taylor, of Detroit, Mich., was arrested by government authorities on a charge of smuggling. He recently came from Cuba, where he owns a tobacco plantation. He had several hundred dollars worth of diamonds, and soon after arriving in Tampa, he claimed that a bartender named Del Barrios relieved him of a \$500 stone. Del Barrios was turned loose, and the government officials took up the case, claiming that Taylor had not paid duty on the stones he had with him.

Held for Attempted Assault.

Anderson, Nov. 8.—C. E. Yarborough, a white man of the Riverside mill village, was to-day lodged in the county jail, charged with attempted criminal assault on an 11-year-old girl in the same village. It is alleged that Yarborough made the assault when he met the girl in a corn field. The girl's little brother was with her and he resisted Yarborough's attack.

Poured Whiskey Into Gutter.

Spartanburg, November 8.—One of the last official acts of Mayor J. F. Floyd, who to-day turned over the affairs of the city to J. B. Lee, after a four-years' term, was the pouring out of 50 gallons of whiskey and smashing several barrels of beer seized by the police during the past year. The ceremonies took place on Morgan square, and hundreds of people were attracted by the odor. As the liquor was pouring through the gutter into the sewer one man rushed forward with a derby hat and scooped in a hat full. Mayor Floyd saved five or six jugs of the best grades of the goods and sent them to the hospitals for medical purposes.

Silk Hove Rends a Home.

Chicago, Nov. 7.—Mrs. Annie Astley Davis, of the Plaza Hotel, who is suing her husband David Shelby Davis, for separate maintenance, says most of her trouble developed from a story of her girlhood which, in a moment of confidence, she told him. She then told the court that when she was seventeen Joshua Brand, seventy years old, of New York, offered her a pair of silk stockings if she would let him put them on for her. "It was in New York," she said, "and I was chaperoned by my aunt. We were having afternoon tea at Sherry's with Mr. Brand and another friend of my aunt from Europe. I became indignant when the request was made. My husband always said I encouraged the old man and probably later got the stockings."

Castanedo-Copeland.

Bamberg, Nov. 7.—A marriage of special interest to this community and to many people throughout the State took place tonight in New Orleans when Ensign David Graham Copeland, U. S. N., and Miss Marie Nathalie Paola Castanedo were married at the home of the bride at 1814 Bayou road.

Mr. Copeland is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Copeland of this place. He is a first honor graduate of the South Carolina Military academy of the class of 1904. He took very high honors at the United States Naval academy and has risen rapidly since his entrance into the actual work of the navy.

The bride comes of very highly respected family and was won by Ensign Copeland while his ship was in port several seasons at New Orleans.

The bridal couple will arrive here Thursday afternoon via Augusta and will spend a short while here. Mr. and Mrs. Copeland will proceed from here to Philadelphia where Mr. Copeland will join his ship, the Dixie. The ship will be in port this winter at Charleston, hence Mr. Copeland will be comparatively near his old home for the next few months.

Mr. J. D. Copeland, Jr., left Monday to be present at the wedding ceremony.

CRIMINAL COURT.

November Term Now in Session. Negroes Get Sentence.

The November term of the court of general sessions convened here Monday morning of this week, Judge Geo. W. Gage presiding. The following cases have been disposed of up to the time of going to press, all the defendants being negroes: Hosea Odom, murder, true bill. Not tried. Rush Dukes, murder, true bill. Not tried. Heary Felder, murder, true bill. Plead guilty, recommended to mercy, life imprisonment.

Frank Bennett, housebreaking and larceny, true bill, guilty, two years on chain gang. Albert, R. C. Chariton, King Murray and James Brown, riot, true bill, plead guilty, nine months on the chain gang. John Stewart, assault and battery with intent to kill, true bill, guilty, nine months on the chain gang. Joe Montgomery, administering glass with intent to kill, guilty, two years on the chain gang. Will Hay and Hazzard Aarons, housebreaking and larceny, true bill, guilty, notice of motion for a new trial.

Ulysses May, murder, plead guilty, recommended to mercy, life imprisonment. In the case of the State vs. Betsy Bull, alias Betsy Holman, the Solicitor not pressed.

The case of the negro who shot and killed Clerk of Court Causey transferred here from Hampton county, will be tried to-day (Thursday). The grand jury finished its work Tuesday and made the following return:

Presentment of Grand Jury.

Hon Geo. W. Gage, Presiding Judge: We, the grand jury for Bamberg county, beg leave to make the following presentment:

All indictments handed us by the solicitor have been passed upon and returned to the court.

The jail has been visited, and we find the sanitary condition of the prison department is not good. The odor was very offensive to the committee who visited it and must be worse to those who are compelled to reside therein. We find the plastered walls very much defaced by pencil writing thereon, and we recommend a general cleaning up and improvement in the sanitary conditions. We also find and report the heating arrangement in a dangerous condition, and the jail is liable to be burned at any time when fire is used unless remedied at once.

We have examined the offices of the clerk, treasurer and auditor.

We find that some of the magistrates are not filing their reports as required by law in not making regular monthly reports of the transactions of their offices, and we request that all of the magistrates of Bamberg county be required to meet the grand jury at 10 o'clock a. m., Monday, November 15th, 1909, at the court house with their books.

We find the offices of the treasurer, auditor and sheriff are neatly kept and in a clean condition.

We think an improvement in the clerk's office by the use of a number of spittoons would be great.

As to the office of the probate judge this grand jury has never been able to gain admittance, therefore cannot report as to its condition.

As to the books and accounts of the offices examined by us, they are neatly and correctly kept as far as we can ascertain.

We reiterate the recommendation made by the grand jury at the last term of court, namely: That the next general assembly provide for a county examiner, whose duty it shall be to travel from county to county and correctly examine the books and accounts of the various county offices and report to the foreman of the grand jury of the various counties, and if this is not done that the grand jury of the county be allowed to hire an expert accountant to examine said books and be paid by the county.

We have examined the books of the county dispensary and find them neatly and systematically kept.

It has been reported to the grand jury that the court house is constantly left unlocked and that the lock on the front door has been forced and broken off and that the court house is a place of resort for evil doers in the night time and on the Sabbath; that the property is suffering from abuse, such as scribbling on the walls, leaving windows open, thereby permitting damage from rain, and that it has been used by certain loafers to sleep in. The grand jury hereby urges the proper authority to have good locks placed on the doors and keys provided for each of the court house officers, and that the building when not in use by the county be kept securely locked.

We regret that the condition of the court house was such that His Honor, the presiding judge, was forced to call the attention of the grand jury to the same. We hope that upon the visit of the next judge that he will find the condition of our court house as good as any in the State, and we hereby recommend that this court house be put in first-class condition, and be kept so in the future.

We thank the court and officials for the courtesies shown us. Respectfully submitted, W. S. BAMBERG, Foreman.

Mr. W. I. Johns received two car loads of cattle this week from Tennessee, which he will fatten on his farm near town. G. Frank Bamberg will soon receive two or more car loads, which he will fatten.

POLITICAL BEE BUZZING.

POLITICS IN COLUMBIA DURING FAIR WEEK.

Possibly Seven Candidates for Governor—No Platforms Announced.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 7.—A deal of political talk and log-rolling there was here in the hotel lobbies and on the streets fair week, as is usual with this annual gathering of prominent men from all parts of the State. The week is looked forward to as furnishing an opportunity for framing up State political deals of all kinds and the politicians and statesmen are always on hand to protect themselves and get their ears to the ground. And this year immediately preceding an election year the interest was greater and the work harder, although so far as could be learned there were no definite frame ups for any particular office.

Gubernatorial Candidates.

The greatest activity and the largest volume of talk had reference to the gubernatorial candidates. The week appears to have developed one entirely new entry and to have made definite the candidacies of several others. There appears to be now seven definite possible candidates who will enter the race for governor next summer. There are Richard I. Manning, of Sumter, Lieutenant Governor Thos. G. McLeod, of Bishopville, C. C. Featherstone, of Laurens, John G. Richards, of Kershaw, F. H. Hyatt, of Columbia, Cole L. Blease, of Newberry, and Attorney General J. Fraser Lyon, of Abbeville.

All of these were here fair week mixing with their friends and talking about the prospects, as were the two United States Senators, three congressmen and a score of more lesser lights in the State's political firmament.

Of these seven, it is curious to note five are Methodist—Messrs. Blease, McLeod, Featherstone, Hyatt and Lyon; Mr. Manning is an Episcopalian and Mr. Richards a Presbyterian.

Of the seven named, Messrs. Manning, McLeod, Featherstone and Blease definitely announced that they would be in the race.

Platforms Not Outlined.

None seemed disposed to finally outline his platform, but from this distance it looks as if all will advocate prohibition except Mr. Blease, who will run on the same mixed liquor platform when he pushed Gov. Ansel so close in the gubernatorial race last time. But it is understood that Mr. Blease will make State finances the chief plank in his platform.

There are dim outlines of a possible interesting rivalry between Messrs. Lyon and Manning, the indications pointing to efforts on the part of many of Mr. Lyon's strongest friends to sidetrack him for the present in favor of Mr. Manning on the score that Mr. Lyon has not yet completed his work in the graft cases. These argue that it would be best to save Mr. Lyon to run against Senator Tillman, which would certainly provide an interesting race as the two are violent political enemies, Senator Tillman having attempted to defeat the attorney general on account of certain features of the first graft investigations. But Mr. Lyon says when he gets ready to run for governor he will do so without consulting these so called friends. His work with the dispensary investigations has aroused strong antipathy in various parts of the State, but he has many strong friends also in every section and will make a good race for whatever position he offers. His friends point out that he is practically sure to get results in the graft prosecutions at Chester and in plenty time to enter the race for governor.

For Prohibition.

The leading prohibition candidate appears to be Mr. Featherstone, although as usual the prohibitionists are much split up, and there is strong opposition to him even in the prohibition ranks.

Mr. Richards is yet undecided as to how he will vote next spring in the legislature on liquor or whether he will enter the race for governor. He expressed the firm conviction, however, that the legislature will pass a State wide prohibition act.

Mr. Hyatt will run on a business man's platform. He has several years been president of the State good roads association, and through his work with the cotton association is in close touch with the farmers. He also has about 10,000 Mutual Life policy holders over the State and a hundred or so agents, many of whom will naturally work for him.

Horses Die from Poison.

New York, Nov. 8.—More than 250 valuable horses in East Side stables have been poisoned to death in the last few months by a gang of blackmailers for whom the police are eagerly searching. Detectives declare that owners of horses in that section of the city have already paid at least \$10,000 to the blackmailers and that their animals have so far enjoyed immunity.

Dr. H. Stark, chief inspector for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, declares that while more than 250 and fewer than 500 horses have been killed by poisoning, more than 2,000 animals have been given poison, but saved.

The method of the blackmailers is to demand, through a letter several hundred dollars from the proposed victim on penalty of having his horses killed. After the second demand has been ignored, one or more of the victim's horses die. It has been found that many of the horses have been given arsenic.

WILLIAM M. IRBY SHOT.

Well-to-do Farmer of Laurens County Seriously Wounded.

Laurens, Nov. 8.—At 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon on the public road East of Laurens, William M. Irby, was seriously, though not necessarily fatally, shot by Parrot Milam, a young white man, the son of Jas. Milam of the county. The entire load of shot from a double-barrel breech loader took effect in the face and head of Mr. Irby, fearfully tearing the scalp and fracturing the skull slightly. It is not thought that any of the shot entered the head and the chances of recovery are good, although at this time it is impossible to state the outcome.

Young Milam was arrested by Sheriff Owings a short while after the shooting; he was met in the road near his home. Milam is in jail awaiting the result of the wounds. It is possible that bail will be applied for before Judge Shipp, who will arrive in the city tomorrow.

It seems that there has been bad blood between Mr. Irby and the Milam family for some time. Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Irby was returning from Sunday-school his little girl in the buggy with him. As they were passing the Milam home, young Parrot Milam came walking out of the house with his shotgun in hand. "Don't shoot my child," said Mr. Irby, bending slightly sideways to shield the child from the leveled gun. Milam fired and the load was received in the face and head. Mr. Irby is receiving careful medical attention and there may be a chance for recovery.

Mr. Irby is familiarly known among his friends as "Big Bill," he being a powerful man and of unusual large size. He is the son of the late Jas. Irby, and a nephew of the late Senator John L. M. Irby. He is a substantial farmer. Milam is a young man, possibly 20 years of age.

Five Arrests in Holly Hill.

Holly Hill, Nov. 8.—The Law and Order league, organized about a week ago, on Saturday secured the arrest of five men charged with illegal handling of whiskey.

The men arrested were two negroes, Lucius Stoutamire and Bossy Cox, for hauling, and three white men, Ulysses Martin and Leon Martin, for selling, and S. H. Godfrey for storing whiskey on his premises.

The negroes are in the guard house awaiting trial. The Martin brothers being unable to secure bail, were taken to Moncks Corner, and Godfrey is out on bond.

Considerable excitement was caused by Bossy Cox refusing to submit to arrest, whereupon, Constable John I. Wiggins shot him, the bullet glancing from his forehead and going through his hat. Cox then, taking his pistol from him, and then brandishing the weapon in the air, ran through the Main street during any one to take him. Later he surrendered himself.

Bribery Charges Shatter Health.

Youngstown, Ohio, Nov. 7.—Two men reported dying from the shock of being indicted for bribery in connection with county contracts, and another declaring that he would rather go to the penitentiary for life than plead guilty, are developments in connection with the trials resulting from the recent graft investigation by a special grand jury.

The admission of N. R. Milligan, an aged contractor, to a misdemeanor in bridge estimates, through his attorney and the incidents following were pathetic. After the attorney had entered the plea of guilty with Milligan absent from the court room, Mrs. Milligan took the stand.

Her husband, she said, between sobs, was a physical wreck and within the last four weeks she had found him unconscious in his bed where he is now confined. She begged the court to show mercy, since he had confessed his guilt.

John B. Waldeck, another of the indicted men, is said to be at death's door. A physician's certificate gave the information. According to his friends and attorneys, it is likely that he will never leave his bed alive.

Seaboard Files Mortgages.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 7.—The Seaboard Air Line railway has recorded in the office of the Norfolk county court two mortgages aggregating \$150,000,000. The State taxes on the mortgages were \$8,220.

One of these mortgages is for \$25,000,000 of 5 per cent. 40-year adjustment gold bonds and mentions the Fidelity Trust company of Baltimore and Van Lear Black as trustees. The other mortgage is for \$125,000,000 refunding bonds, payable 50 years hence and bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent., with the New York Trust company and Mortimer N. Buckner as trustees. It will be necessary to make 13 recordinations in the State of Virginia. The mortgage will have to be recorded 300 times. Alabama is the only other State besides Virginia in which the company owns property covered by the mortgage which charges a State tax.

Kicked on Head by Horse.

Walterboro, November 8.—Robert Black, of Ruffin, one of the best known citizens of the county, sustained a painful injury early this morning. Going into the stable to put a bridle on a horse, the animal kicked, striking Mr. Black on the forehead above the left eye, breaking the bone and inflicting a painful cut. A physician was summoned and dressed the wound. It is quite painful and an ugly wound, through not necessarily very dangerous.